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## Summer Food Service Program making a difference for kids

The Kentucky Summer Food Service Program is open for business.

This summer, 1,600 sites across 105 Kentucky counties will provide more than two million breakfasts, lunches and snacks to more than 20,000 of Kentucky's neediest children as part of the program. Children 18 years old and younger are eligible for the free, nutritious meals.

The Summer Food Service Program is federally funded by the United States Department of Agriculture and is administered by the Kentucky Department of Education, Division of School and Community Nutrition.

If you would like to volunteer in some capacity, contact [Michael Sullivan](#) with the Division of School and Community Nutrition with the Kentucky Department of Education, at (502) 564-5625, ext. 4930. To locate a feeding site, call the National Hunger Hotline at 1-866-3HUNGRY or 1-866-348-6479.

See the [news release](#) for more information.



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## 'ParentInfo' has helped me learn, too

When I first started working at the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), my daughter, Holland, was 8 months old.

Holland is my only child, and I arrived at KDE barely knowing what KERA (Kentucky Education Reform Act) meant. Part of why I chose KDE as a place to work, however, was so I could be a better-informed parent regarding her education.

Writing for KDE's *Kentucky Teacher*, I started to pick up on what a Kentucky public school education was all about, and I learned about things I could do to help Holland learn more at home.



As she grew, I was always excited to see what was in her future through my work.

She got to take part in the kindergarten screener during an early pilot, and it was reassuring to know what that experience was going to be like for her.

It made parenting easier to have a better understanding of the Kentucky Core Academic Standards and other initiatives that have been implemented the past several years.

It's that understanding that I hope *ParentInfo* subscribers have been able to gain since I started working on this newsletter.

This issue marks my last one at KDE. I am moving to a new position in state government at the end of the month. It's been my immense pleasure to share KDE's message and information with you the past seven years.

[Brenna Kelly](#) will be taking over *ParentInfo* starting in July, and she comes to you much like I did in in 2007.

She's new to KDE and has young children who will be in Kentucky schools for the next several years. Unlike me, however, Brenna comes in with more knowledge about education having covered it as a reporter in the northern Kentucky area.

Either way, I hope she gets as much as out of working on this newsletter as I did.

- Susan Riddell



## Make it a 'wonder-ful' summer of learning

The National Center for Families Learning's (NCFL) virtual summer camp, called Camp Wonderopolis, began June 16. If you're looking for something fun, educational and meaningful for your child, it's not too late to get him or her involved.

Families can register throughout the summer – the content will be offered non-concurrently. It's free with prizes to follow, and – more importantly – it's rooted in literacy and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) concepts.

Parents and children can engage in learning and wonder together over the summer with Camp Wonderopolis. There are six different tracks of scientific wonder.

This year is all about science (hello, EXPERIMENTS!), and here are the worlds you and your child can explore:

- Wonder Zoo (zoology)
- Wonder Amusement Park (physics)
- Wonder Woods (biology)
- Wonder Laboratory (chemistry)
- Wonder Dig Site (geology)
- Wonder Observatory (astronomy)

Participants can try out fun hands-on activities using everyday objects and track what others are doing through the Wonder Wall. Sign up at [wonderopolis.org/camp](http://wonderopolis.org/camp).

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